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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Previously presented) An isolated DNA comprising:
- (a) a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a polypeptide with the ability to co-stimulate a T cell, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:3; or
 - (b) the complement of the nucleic acid sequence.
 - 2 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Previously presented) The DNA of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is a nucleotide sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:4.
 - 6 10. (Cancelled)
 - 11. (Original) A vector comprising the DNA of claim 1.
- 12 (Original) The vector of claim 11, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a regulatory element which allows expression of said nucleic acid sequence in a cell.
 - 13. (Original) A cell comprising the vector of claim 11.
 - 14 35. (Cancelled)
 - 36. (Original) A cell comprising the vector of claim 12.
- 37. (Original) A method of producing a polypeptide that co-stimulates a T cell, the method comprising culturing the cell of claim 36 and purifying the polypeptide from the culture.

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38 - 45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently amended) An isolated DNA comprising:

(a) a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a polypeptide consisting of (i) SEQ ID NO: 1 but lacking amino acid residues 1-22 of SEQ ID NO:1 or (ii) SEQ ID NO:3 but lacking amino acid residues 1-22 of SEQ ID NO:3; or

- (b) the complement of the nucleic acid sequence.
- 47. (Previously presented) A vector comprising the DNA of claim 46.
- 48. (Previously presented) The vector of claim 47, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a regulatory element which allows expression of said nucleic acid sequence in a cell.
 - 49. (Previously presented) A cell comprising the vector of claim 47.
 - 50. (Previously presented) A cell comprising the vector of claim 48.
- 51. (Previously presented) A method of producing a polypeptide that co-stimulates a T cell, the method comprising culturing the cell of claim 50 and purifying the polypeptide from the culture.